

# A TESTIMONY

Concerning the

Life, Death, Trials, Travels and  
Labours of

Edward Burroughs

That worthy

# PROPHET

OF THE

# LORD

Who dyed a Prisoner for the Testi-  
mony of Jesus, and the Word of God, in the  
City of LONDON, the 24th of  
the 12th Month, 1662.

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**The Life and Death of Edward Burroughs that worthy Prophet of the Lord, &c.**

 Half dayes, or months, or years wear out thy Name, as though thou hadst had no being? Oh nay! Shall not thy noble and valliant Acts, and mighty Works which thou hast wrought through the power of him that separated thee from the World, live in generations to come? Oh yes! the children that are yet unborn, shall have thee in their mouths, and thy Works shall praise thee in generations, who yet have not a being, and shall count thee blessed. Did thy Life go out as the fruit of a Candle? Oh nay! thou hast regenerated the hearts of many, and the memoriall of the just shall live for ever; and be had in renown among the children of Wisdom for ever; for thou hast turned many to righteousness, and shalt shine as a Star of God in the Firmament of Gods Power, for ever and ever; and they that are in thee, shall see thee there, and enjoy thee there, though thou be gone away hence, and can no more be seen in mutability; yet thy Life, and thy Spirit shall run parallel with Immortality. Oh Edward Burroughs! I cannot but mourn for thee, yet not as one without hope, nor faith, knowing and having a perfect remembrance of thy well-being in my heart, by the Spirit of the Lord; yes thy absence is great, and years to come shall know the want of thee. Shall I not lament as David did for a worse man than thee, even for Ahar when in wrath he perished by the hand of Idd without any just cause, though he was a valliant man? David lamented over Ahar, and said, Did Ahar as a just man? (Oh nay! he was betrayed of his Life) even so hast thou been betrayed of thy Life by the hand of the Oppressor, whose deliberations are full of cruelty. Oh my soul, come not thou within their

...at the hands of them  
...after thy life; and it shall cry as *Abel*, who was  
in the Faith; even so wert thou: it shall weigh as a ponderous  
Millstone upon their necks, and shall crush them under, and  
be *the Worm* that gnaweth, and shall not dye: When I think  
upon thee, I am melted into tears of true sorrow, and be-  
cause of the want that the inheritance of the Lord hath of  
thee, my substance is even as dissolved. Shall I not say as *Da-  
vid* said of *Saul* and *Jonathan* when they were slain in Mount  
*Gilboa*, *The beauty of Israel is slain upon the high places*? Even  
so wast thou stifled in nasty holes and prisons and many more,  
who were precious in the eyes of the Lord: And surely precious  
wast thou to me, oh dear *Edward*. I am distressed for thee my  
brother, very pleasant hast thou been to me, and my love to thee  
was wonderful, passing the love of women. Oh thou whose bow  
never turned back, nor sword empty from the blood of the slain,  
from the slaughter of the mighty; who made Nations and Mul-  
titudes shake with the Word of Life in thy mouth; and wast very  
dreadful to the enemies of the Lord; for thou didst cut like a Ra-  
sor; and yet to the seed of God brought forth thy words drop-  
ped like Oyle, and thy lips as the honey-comb. Thou shalt be  
recorded amongst the valiant of *Israel*, who attained to the  
first degree through the power of the Lord that wrought might-  
ily in thee in thy day, and was worthy of double honour, be-  
cause of thy Works sake: Thou wast expert to handle thy  
Weapon, and by thee the mighty have fallen, and the slain  
of the Lord hath been many: Many have been pricked to the  
heart through the power of the Word of Life, and coales of  
fire from thy Life come forth of thy mouth, that in many a  
Thicket, and among many Bryers and Thorns it came to be  
kindled, and did devour much stubble that cumbered the  
ground, and flamed the Earth. Oh how certain a sound did  
thy Trumpet give! And how great an Alarm didst thou give  
in thy day, that made the Host of the uncircumcised greatly  
distressed! What man so valiant, though as *Goliath* of *Gath*,  
would not thy valour have encountered with, while many de-  
spised thy youth! And how have I seen thee with thy sling  
and thy stone (despised Weapons as to war with) wound  
the mighty, and that which hath seemed contemptible to the

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Dragon's party, even as the Jaw-bone of an Ass, with which thou  
hast slain the *Philistines*; heape upon heape, as *Sampson*. Thou  
hast put to thy hand to the Hammer of the Lord, and hast  
often fastened Nails in the heads of the Lambs Enemies: as *Do-  
borah* did to *Sisera*; and many a rough Stone hast thou polished  
and squared, and made it fit for the building of God; and much  
knotty Wood hast thou bewed in thy day, which was not fit  
for the building of God's House. Oh thou Prophet of the  
Lord, and state for ever be recorded in the Lamb's Book of  
Life, among the Lords Worthies, who hath followed the Lamb  
through great tribulation; as many can witness for thee from  
the beginning; and at last hath overcome, and found worthy  
to stand with the Lamb upon Mount *Sion* the Hill of God, as I  
have often seen thee, and thy heart well tuned as a Harp to  
praise the Lord; and to sound forth his great Salvation; which  
many a time hath made glad the hearts of them that did be-  
lieve, and strengthen their faith and hope. Well, thou art at  
rest, and bound up in the bundle of Life; and I know tears have  
wiped away from thy eyes, because there was no cause of sor-  
row in thee. For I know thou witnessedst the old things done  
away, and there was no curse; but blessings were poured upon  
thy head as rain; and peace as a mighty shower, and trouble  
was far from thy dwelling, though in the outward man trou-  
ble on every side, and hath had a greater share in that for the  
Gospel sake (though youth in thy time) than many besides.  
But now thou art freed from that; and hast obtained a Name  
through Faith, with the Saints in Light. Well, hadst thou more  
to give up then thy Life for the Name of Jesus in this World?  
Nay: And to seal thy Testimony committed unto thee with thy  
blood, as thou hast often said in thy day, which shall remain as  
a Crown upon thee for ever and ever. And now thou art freed  
from the temptations of him who had the power of death, and  
art freed from thy outward Enemies; who hated thee because  
of the Life that dwelt in thee, and remaineth at the right  
hand of God, where there is joy and pleasure for evermore in  
the everlasting Light; which thou hast often testified unto, ac-  
cording to the Word of Prophecy in thy heart; which was gi-  
ven unto thee by the Holy Ghost, and art at rest in the perfec-  
tion thereof, in the beauty of Holiness; yet thy Life and thy

thy Spirit I feel as present, and have unity with it, and in it, beyond all created and visible things, which are subject to mutation and change; and thy Life shall enter into others, to testify unto the same truth, which is from everlasting to everlasting; for God hath raised, and will raise up the children unto Abraham, of them that have been as dead stones, whose Power is Almighty, great in his people in the midst of their Enemies.

This same *Edward Burroughs* was born in the Barrony of *Kendal*, in the County of *Westmoreland*, of honest Parents, who had a good report among their Neighbours for upright and honest dealing among men, who brought up *Edward* in his youth in learning and good Education as the Countrey doth afford. He was a very understanding Boy in his youth, and his knowledge and understanding did far exceed his years: He had the Spirit of a man when he was but a child; and I may say, grey hair was upon him when he was but a youth; for he was clothed with Wisdom in his Infancy; for I had perfect knowledge of him from a youth: He was inclinable from his youth upwards to Religion, and the best way, always minding the best things, and the best and nearest way of Worship to the Scriptures of Truth, and always did accompany the best men, who walked in godliness and honesty, insomuch I have often admired his discreet carriage, and his great understanding of the things of God: He was never known to be addicted to any vice or malignity, or bad behaviour, neither followed any evil course of life from his childhood, but feared the Lord, and walked uprightly according to the light and knowledge received in all things. In his natural disposition he was bold and manly, dexterous and fervent, and what he took in hand, he did it with his might; loving, kind and courteous, mercifull and flexible, and easie to be entreated. His whole delight was alwayes among good people, and to be conferring and reading the Scriptures, and little to mind any sports or pastimes, which there is an insidney unto in youth; but his very strength was bonded after God, and was separated (I may say) from his Mothers Womb, and sitting for the Works sake wherunto he after was called.

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And when it pleased the Lord to raise up the ancient horn of  
salvation among us, who were reckoned in the North part of  
England, even as the out casts of Israel, and as men destitute of  
the great knowledge which some seemed to enjoy; yet there  
was more sincerity and true love among us, and desires after  
the living powerfull presence of God, then was among many in  
that day, who seemed to make a great flourish, who ran into  
heaps and forms, but left the Cross behind them, and indeed  
were strangers to it; God out of his everlasting love did appear  
unto us according to the desire of our hearts who longed after  
him, when he had turned aside from the hireling Shepherds  
Tents, we found him whom our souls loved; and God out of  
his great love, and great mercy, sent one unto us immediately  
by his Power, a man of God, one of ten thousand to instruct  
us in the way of God more perfectly, who laid down the sure  
foundation, and declared the acceptable year of the Lord;  
who indeed made the sinners to rejoyce, and the heavy  
hearted glad, which yet was terrible to all hypocrites- and all  
formall profession; which testimony reached unto all our con-  
sciences, and entered into the utmost part of our hearts, which  
drove us to narrow search, and to a diligent inquisition con-  
cerning our state, which we did come to see through the Ligth  
of Christ Jesus which was testified of; and found it to be even  
what it was testified of; and the Lord of heaven, and earth we  
found to be near at hand; and as we vvaied upon him in pure  
silence, our minds out of all things; his dreadfull power and  
glorious Majesty, and heavenly presence appeared in our As-  
semblies, when there was no language, tongue nor speech from  
any creature; and the Kingdom of heaven did gather us, and  
catch us all as in a Net; and his heavenly power at one time  
did draw many hundreds to Land, that we did come to know  
a place to stand in, and what to wear in; and the Lord did ap-  
pear daily to us, to our astonishment, amazement, and great  
admiration; inasmuch that we often said unto one another  
with great joy of heart. *When, is the Kingdom of God come to us,*  
*with man?* And will he take up his Tabernacle amongst the Sons of men  
who did of old? And when, shall we that were reckoned in the out casts  
of Israel, have this honor of glory communicated unto us; which  
man had unto of small parts; and of little abilities; we respect of many  
others that were better than we, and yet we were not able to stand in  
the way of God.

others as amongst men? Howbeit, thus it seemed good unto the Lord to chuse the weak things; and the foolish things of this World, as to the aspect of men, that no flesh might glory; that no man because of his parts might glory; or because of his strength or wisdom might glory; but that the glory which is his; might only be given to him; unto whom be the glory of all his works, for ever and ever, Amen.

And from that day forward our hearts were knit unto the Lord, and one unto another in true and fervent love; not by any external Covenant, or external Form; but we entered into the Covenant of Life with God; and that was as a strong obligation or bond upon all our spirits; which united us one unto another; and we met together in the unity of the spirit, and of the bond of peace, treading down under our feet all reasoning, questioning, debating and contending about Religion, or any part or parts, or practice or practices; thereof, as to any external thing; and we waited at times and times, as God did grant us opportunities; and the more we had and could obtain from our necessary occasions of this present life, the better we were, and the more we were confirmed and strengthened in our Hope and Faith, and holy Resolutions were kindled in our hearts, of a Fire, which the Life kindled in us to serve the Lord while we had a being, and to make mention of his Name and Power whilst we did live, and to hold forth that testimony which was committed to us, in the sight of men and Nations, by doctrine, by practice, by a holy conversation; & mightily did the Word of God grow amongst us, and the desires of many were after the Name of the Lord. Oh happy day! Oh blessed day! the memorial of which can never pass out of my mind. And thus the Lord (in short) did form us to be a people for his praise in our generation.

Howbeit, after all this, and much more, which time would fail me to write of, (neither is the purpose of my spirit here that way at this time) we did come through very great tribulations, extreme distresses, great perplexity, and passed our oftentimes hungry, and hard put to it both within and without: Yet such was our love to the Lord, and such fervency in our hearts, that we rather chused to dye, and to undergo every difficulty, than to dishonour or deny the Name of Christ in the midst of suffering, because of that taste that we had of his goodness and im-

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mortal life revealed in our hearts, this young man of whom I  
 am speaking, had his share, though but a youth at that time,  
 of 16 or 17 years of age, because of the Truth which cro-  
 ssed all the Worlds way, his nearest Relations, even his own  
 Parents cast him off as an Alien, and turned him out from  
 their House, as not to have any part or portion therein as a son;  
 nay, not so much as a hired servant, which this young man  
 bore very patiently, without murmuring or complaining, ha-  
 ving a taste of that then, which was better then all the World;  
 and through conversing with his people, and among them, the  
 Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and the Spirit of Wisdom  
 and understanding entered into his heart, and the Spirit of  
 knowledge and sound judgment came to be seated in his reins,  
 and the Spirit of Prophecie came upon him like as it did upon  
 many more, through the Holy Ghosts power and operation;  
 and he spake of the wonderful things of God amongst them  
 that believed, and was one of the first among us which the  
 Lord opened the mouth of, to shew forth his praise, and to  
 speak of the things of his Kingdom to as many as he met with,  
 who waited for the consolation of Israel, for the riches of the  
 Gentiles, and to as many as desired and hoped after eternal  
 life: At last the Lord singled him out, and commanded him to go  
 forth into Countreys unknown to him, as he did some more be-  
 sides, upon whom he laid a necessity to preach the Gospel freely  
 without money, without price, without tythes, augmentati-  
 ons, gifts or rewards, and in that he was as faithful a man, none  
 exceeding him in his generation; for those things were an ab-  
 horrency to his heart; & where he met with any such hireling  
 Shepherds, & deceitful workers which had gull'd the Nations,  
 and cheated the people for dishonest gain, and kept them in  
 blindness, the indignation of the Lord was kindled in his  
 heart, and the sword of the Lord was very sharp in his hand;  
 and whomsoever he met with which walked after this sort,  
 they were sure to feel the weight of his Weapon, and the force  
 of his blow, by which many have been deeply wounded, that  
 they have grinned like Dogs upon him, as greedy Dogs indeed  
 because of their present wound & blow that he did give them  
 and though he was but young in years, yet he was full of forti-  
 tude and true valour: the Lord often times when he exerci-

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fed him in such - War as this, hath filled his Quiver full of polished shafts, and made his Bow to abide in strength, and he was as dextrous and as ready handed, as any that I knew in his day against the Dragon and his Power, against the Beast and his followers; and indeed he was very even-handed, and had a special good arm, and seldome miss the mark: God hath fill'd his mouth with arguments, so that he hath often made a breach, a breach in the face of an host.

And it was my lot (which I cannot but say fell in a good ground, to be his companion and fellow labourer in the Work of the Gospel, whereunto we were called for many years together. And oh! when I consider, my heart is broken how sweetly we walked together for many Months & Years in which we had perfect knowledg of one anothers hearts, & perfect unity of spirit, not so much as one cross word, or one hard thought of discontent ever rose (I believe) in either of our hearts, for 10 years together, but our soules were botmd up in unity and peace, having the frame of our hearts bent after one and the self same thing, to wit, the propagation of that Truth by which liberty was obtained, and salvation received through Jesus Christ the true Light of the World, seeing through his Light the whole World to lye in wickedness, a necessity laid upon this person of whom I am speaking, being constrained by the Spirit of the Lord, by which he was made an able Minister of the everlasting Gospel, to preach repentance, conversion, salvation and remission of sins; and accordingly he went forth in the Name and Power of the Lord Jesus the Saviour of mankind, and was a n able Minister of the glad rydings of salvation, in many, or most parts of this Land; and also he travelled thorow again and again, the whole Nation of Ireland, and in some part of Scotland, and some part of Flanders; and his Ministry a as made effectual through the Almighty Power of God, in turning many from darkness to light, and from the Power of Satan to God; there are many thousands who are living in the body, and alive in the Truth, who can in the Spirit of the Lord bear testimony to the power and verity of his Ministry, in many Countreys where he travelled, for he laboured much in divers places, even in the heat of the day, though he began early in the morning; and in the beginning of his travel and labours,

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it was his share to break up rough places & untilld ground, & to walk amongst many bryars and thorns, which scratched, and prickd, and teared; and travelled with some other, not without great opposition; and he often trod the paths and wayes which had not been occupied in the Truth; and where darkness had the Dominion, and was as a covering, he brake through as an armed man, not minding the opposition, but the victory and the good of all souls; though to my knowledg his sufferings and triall hath not been small, nor his exercise a little, on the right hand; and on the left, in travels often, often times buffeted, sometimes knocked down by unreasonable men who had not faith, loaded with lies, slanders, calumnies and reproches, often in weakness, yea in death often, in watchings, fastings and temptations often, in straits and necessities; in perils among rude multitudes, in perils in Idols Temples, in perils in Streets and Markets, where the Lord did move him often to go in the beginning of his time; besides the exceeding weight of service from Weeks end to Weeks end in so much that he had seldom many hours of repose, and often suffered by those spirits who lost their first love, and rose in opposition. He was very diligent and faithful, true hearted and valiant, and the yoke at last came to be easie unto him, though no ease at all in the body unto the outward man; for he made the Work of the Lord his whole business, without taking so much liberty unto himself, or about any outward occasion in this World, as to spend one Week to himself (to my knowledg) these ten years: He had ventured himself often for the Bodies sake, and a great care I know was in his heart that them that he had ministered unto, and others that had believed in the same truth, might thrive and prosper, and might walk as becometh the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

He was of a mealy spirit in the things of God; he hath engaged himself often upon the Lords account singly in great Disputes, when there were many opposers, he bath stood in the door, and in the gap, against all his Enemies, for the worthy Name of God, and taken the whole weight of things upon his own shoulders, that others might be eased, though often to the weakening, and almost destroying of the outward man; yet doing all in love to the Lord, and for his peoples sake; he did it



with cheerfulness, and it was a grief to him if any opportunity was missed of doing good: He was a man of no great learning in natural Tongues, which men so much applaud; yet indeed his heart was full of matter, and his Tongue was as the hand of a ready Scribe; and yet he had the tongue of the learned, having had experiment of the Work of the Lord, and being acquainted with many conditions which God had carried him through, he could speak a word in season unto all who declared their conditions unto him; or otherwayes in his public Ministry, he was very plausible and elegant in his speech; & indeed had the tongue of a learned Orator, to declare himself to the understandings & consciences of all men with whom he conversed, by which many received great profit, and their understandings came to be opened; for his words ministered grace to the Hearer; and his words were forcible and very pleasant, as apples of Gold in pictures of silver.

This young man of whom I am speaking, was one of the first (with some others) who came to the City of London, where he met with no small opposition, both from professors of diverse forms, and also papists, who heeded no Religion but all, and the way of Truth seemed contemptible, and without form or comeliness to them all, which made the opposition so great, and the labour so hard, that notwithstanding it pleased the Lord to reach unto the Consciences of many, and many were prickt to heart, so that they cried out, *what shall we do to be saved?* And God made his Ministry very effectual to the conversion of many in the City of London, whereby a great change was wrought in the hearts of many; & many hundreds brought to know the Lord their Teacher, which are as seals unto the Word of Life through him unto this day. And many hundreds, I may say thousands, heard the lively Word of God declared by him, and were convinced of the way of Truth, though still remaining in the disobedience to that of God in their own hearts, unto which he declared; and many have lost their day which they had of hearing and receiving the things of God; for now he is taken away which might have been a help unto them while they had time; and all such are not worthy of him! He continued in this City very much at times; and times, betwixt

twint eight and nine years together, preaching the Word of God, and speaking of the things of his Kingdom to all that looked after it, and great watching, travel, and exercise in the Work of the Lord, and his earnest desire was, That all might have come to know God's Salvation, and the redemption of their souls. And his great diligence was known unto many, that his onely rejoycing was in the prosperity of the Work of the Lord, and the encrease of Faith amongst them that did believe. And his heart was much drawn towards this City; and often times hath he said to me when suffering did come for the Gospel sake, which he knew would come, *I can freely go to that City, and lay down my Life for a Testimony of that Truth which I have declared through the Power and Spirit of God Which in the end indeed came to be his share, and will forever be his Crown, who loved not his life unto death for the Testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

And in the same year 1662, being pressed in his spirit to go visit them who were begotten unto the Faith of God's Elect at the City of *Bristol*, and in divers other Counties, at divers Meetings, and diverse particular Friends, he took his leave of them, saying unto very many, That he did not know he should see their faces any more; exhorting them all to faithfulness and stedfastness in that wherein they had found rest for their souls: And said to some, *I am going up to the City of London again, so lay down my Life for the Gospel, and suffer amongst Friends in that place, as having some sense of his suffering before.*

And a little after his return to the City, at a publike Meeting which the people of the Lord have kept these many years, to hear and speak of the things of God to edification, at the Bull and Mouth near *Aldersgate*, by certain Souldiers under the command of *Richard Brown* then General of the City of London, he was violently plucked down, and haled away in a barbarous manner, and carried to the guard, and so committed to *Newgate*, not for evil-doing, but for testifying unto the Name of the Lord Jesus, and for the Worship of God, as though this were become a great crime worthy of Bonds, and (at last) death, he was had to the

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Sessions in the Old Bailey, and his accusers were Witnesses against him, and them that had abused him violently, their Testimony was received as good proof against him. And at last after two or three Sessions, he was fined by the Court one hundred Mark, which at last was reduced to twenty Mark, and to lie in prison, while payment; Where he continued a pretty long season above 8. Months, with 6 or 7 score Prisoners beside, upon the same account, many being shut up among the Felons in nasty Places, and for want of Prison-room, the natures of many were suffocated and corrupted, till at last many grew weak, sickned, and dyed.

At last this same young man grew weak, and though a special Order from the King was sent to the then Sheriffs of London, for the release of him and the rest that were left in prison, yet such was the enmity of some of the Rulers of the City, that they did what in them lay to obstruct the execution of the Order, that he should not be released: And so weakness grew upon him daily, though in much patience he was carried through all. In the time of his sickness he was very fervent in prayer (and that often, both day and night) unto the Lord as concerning himself, and also his people; and at several times he spoke several precious words from the sensible feeling of God's spirit in his heart, and said, *I have had the testimony of the Lords love unto me from my youth; and my heart hath been given up to do thy Will: And he said, I have preached the Gospel freely in this City, and have often given up my Life for the Gospels sake; and now Lord rip upon my heart, and see if it be not right before thee.* Another time he said when he had a little ease, *There is no iniquity in me at my door, but the presence of the Lord is with me, and his life I feel justify me.* Another day afterwards he said, *Thou hast loved me when I was in the Womb, and I have loved thee from my Cradle, and from my youth unto this day, and have served thee faithfully in my generation.* And he spoke to Friends that were about him, to live in love and peace, and love one another. And at another time he said, *The Lord taketh the righteous from the evil to come; and he prayed for his Enemies, and for his persecutors, and said Lord forgive Richard Brown, he may be forgiven.* And though the distemper and the disease was violently upon him, yet he was preserved sensible; and in the morning before he departed this life, being sensible of his death,

death, he said, Now my soul and spirit is centered in its own Being with God; and this form of person must return from whence it was taken. And after a little season he gave up the Ghost, and dyed a Prisoner, and shall be recorded, and is in the Lambs Book of Life, as a Martyr for the Word of God, and the Testimony of Jesus, for which only he suffered, and gave up his Life, whose death was precious in the eyes of the Lord. But now he ever, liveth with God, and his Works follow him, and labours shall testify of him in generations to come, and thousands beside my self can bear witness, His Life and death was to the praise glory and honour of the Grace of God; unto whom be the glory of all his Works, for ever and ever, Amen.

**A**ND oh thou City of London! who hast been a professing City of the Name of God and Christianity so many years, must it be said of thee as Christ said of Jerusalem, that a Prophet cannot perish out of thee? Oh how many Warnings hast thou had! and how dost thou remain in obduracy and impenitency! Oh! thou art not worthy of those heavenly joys of salvation which hath been proclaimed in the midst of thee these many years; by this faithful Messenger of God deceased, with many more, who is taken away in judgment unto thee, because many of thy inhabitants despised and set at nought that in which the blessedness of all Nations consisteth. Oh how is thy Gold become dross! and how is thy glory stained! How is thy countenance marred! How is all thy profession become dead, and thou like a withered Tree without sap! The symptoms of death are upon thee, Your Sun is set, your glory is passed away, night is coming, and darkness is surrounding you, and you shall have enough of darkness, and your paths and ways shall be filled with it, because you have hated the Light, and would not have him who is the Light of the World, to rule in your hearts; but hath chosen darkness rather than Light, because your deeds are evil, and in the end thou shalt be made to see, you have chosen lying vanities, and have taken pleasure in the flesh, and have forsaken your own mercies. Repent, repent (if any can find a place) while it is called to day, lest you be shut up in everlasting darkness, and Truth be hid from your eyes for ever. Take warning, cease from persecution and afflicting the Lords people, who desire to love quietly and peaceably, and to worship God in truth and righteousness with

with a pure heart: It is too too much that you have done already; the suffering and death of many innocent righteous men, who have suffered these Winters past will lie as a load upon your City in Summers to come. Remember what God did to Amaleck the first of the Nations; and to Moab when Israel would have passed to their own Land and Country that God had promised them, and have eaten their own bread, and drank their water, and have passed on peaceably; but they rose up and fell upon the poor, and upon the hindmost and weak; God was glad to force his way, though it proved the ruine of Amaleck, and the misery of Moab. We would gladly walk on our way to the promised Land which belongs to the Saints in Light; we would eat our own Bread, and drink our water and what we needed, and keep our Consciences clear (in our generation we must) to that which God hath promised; and if we cannot have a way, God will make one for us; and that you that set your selves against the Lord, in the end shall be sure to know and feel, though we shall never lift up carnal Weapon, nor draw sword, neither use Bow nor Spear; for God hath taught us to love our Enemies; and out of these things we are come, and to the end of Wars, and to be for it; yet God's purpose shall be fulfilled, and he hath ways enough to plead the cause of his people; and he will do it, and we to all their Enemies. And do you cry out of Popery because of cruelty and persecutions? And will you be found in the same footsteps, and in the same nature? Oh! let it never be said nor thought, that ever the Church of God or true Christians did drink the blood of the Saints, or cast them into prison; for that is Babylon the Mother of Harlots, that doth so. Therefore be informed and warned; set not bryars and thorns in battel against the Lord, neither stubble before devouring fire; for if you do, a consumption will come upon you, and your name and memorial shall rot, dye, wither, and melt away as Snail's; and glory shall rest with, and upon the Heads of the sufferers of Christ for ever.

Reading the 22 of the  
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By one who hath chosen rather to suffer with the people of God called Quakers, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, or to be reckoned as a Prince amongst the uncircumcised,

Fran. Howgil.

And

**A**Nd as for E. B. our dear Brother and companion in travel, suffering and consolation for the everlasting Gospel like in his day, his testimony lives with us, he was a Preacher of Righteousness, and one who travelled for the redemption of the creature from under the bondage of corruption, and proclaimed liberty to the captives in the Power and authority of God, and therein was a true Witness against Oppression, and all the Antichristian yokes imposed in the night of Apostacy upon the persons and consciences of people; and truly and valiantly he held forth the liberty of Conscience, and vindicated it to the great men of the Earth, in things appertaining to God in matters of Religion and Worship, against the persecution and compulsion (which had its Original and Rise from the Power of the Beast, which hath made war against the righteous seed) that men might be left free to the guidance of the infallible Spirit of God (which is not to be limited) in these matters, and not to be compelled nor brought under the corrupt wills of men, nor their fallible judgements nor invented forms in these cases: And the Name of this Minister of Righteousness is written in the Lamb's Book of Life; and all the Enemies of his Life can never be able to blot it out, nor extinguish his memorial. Oh! the remembrance of his integrity, uprightness and sincerity, hath deep impression upon my heart; and that tender love and affection in Gods Truth which he was filled with towards all the upright, (who are lovers of peace & unity in the Lord) is never to be forgotten by us who are yet remaining in the Work of the Lord, and the everlasting Gospel, for which he hath left a glorious Testimony, the glory of which shall never be extinguished, but thousands shall praise the Lord our God because thereof; yea even the Seed that's yet in the lower parts of the Earth (where darkness covers it) and the child that's yet unborn in many, that's curiously framed in the Mothers Womb, whose Members are written in the Book of God, shall glorify the Lord on his behalf. And this testimony many have already concerning him, that though his Body be dead, his Spirit liveth in the immortality of that Life



that is immutable, and shall never dye nor wax old, and is felt among the righteous, who walk in their integrity and constancy to the Lord.

And this faithful servant of the Lord, and valiant Soldier of the Lamb (as in his day was evidently apparent) as to live to him was Christ, to dye was gain: And though in his time many were the sufferings and afflictions which his life went under, and his upright spirit suffered by, both from his open enemies and persecutors in the World (because of the valour and courage for the Truth of God) and from deceitful and transforming exalted spirits, which burthen the holy Seed; but now his Life is caught up above them all (and is out of their reach) in the transcendent and unspeakable glory, in the everlasting habitation and firmament of God's Power, where he hath shined (and doth shine among the Stars, that have kept their habitations, as one that hath turned many to righteousness, and that hath overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and the Word of his Testimony, with those holy Prophets and Martyrs who rejoyce over *Babylon* and her abominations (in whom their blood is found) and against whom he was a faithful Witness and valiant Warrior, whose living and absolute Testimony therein, God hath blessed, made prosperous, and will fulfil to the uttermost. And though he be ceased from his labours, his Works do follow him, which will be had in living remembrance and precious esteem among the upright, when his persecutors shall be broken and laid low in the desolation and ruine of *Babylon*; and all that continue in enmity and deceit, and all the deceitful spirits that have burthened his righteous soul, shall fall, and their blossom wither and come to nought.

And if any of his persecutors or oppressors be yet so impenitent and obdurate as to triumph and be elevated in an exalted or prejudiced spirit, because of his death, and in their exaltation and pride of heart say, he was taken away in judgement, or in wrath.

To such in Gods fear I answer, That thousands of the servants of the Lord are of another persuasion, not questioning but it was in Gods tender love (as to his own particular) that he was removed out of the Earthen Vessel, in which he (though a man as in the prime of his years) endured great travel in his  
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time for the Truth's sake; and the gatherings of many into the way of the Lord, and in which his travel was the greater (when the time of his dissolution drew near) to be dissolved, because of his suffering (and the extremity of his sickness occasioned thereby) which many others were partakers of, who suffered persecution and imprisonment by unreasonable men in this City of London, for the cause of God and of a good Conscience, as chiefly for their meeting together singly in the Worship of God.

But this I testify in the Lord, as in him I have felt, that his being removed, was in judgement from the Lord against his persecutors, who desired and sought his destruction; and what they have done against him, hath greatly added to the fulfilling of their iniquities, that the blood of the righteous which cries for vengeance may be avenged to the utmost upon them who would not suffer the righteous to have a being amongst men, nor lay to heart their being taken a way from the evil to come.

And they who in a byassed or prejudiced spirit of enmity are lifted up because of his decease, they were not worthy of him, nor of his Testimony, and they have cause to mourn and lament amongst those that have pierced the just, and slighted and despised the Messengers of Truth and Righteousnesse, whom God hath therein honored, and God will debase such, and their vain glory unto the dust, and exalt the testimony and life of his faithful Witnesses over all their heads.

But we who have been vvell acquainted vvith the deep suffering of the righteous Seed, and vvith the vvorth of true unity in the vveighty body and spirit of Christ, and therein do behold the glory and compleatnesse of the City of our God, vvith which is at peace vvithin it self, cannot but prize the Ministers of Righteousnesse, and every Member of the same Body, and oh how blessed and precious is the memorial of the righteous in our eyes! And how deeply is my soul affected vvith that comfortable communion, and those many and living refreshments that vve have enjoyed one vvith another, even vvith him and others, vvho have finished their course! Well, however in this I am satisfied, that though vve be left in travel, and our days have been days of affliction and suffering for Christ and the

God's sake, (as in the World) yet in him whom the Prince of  
 this World hath nothing in, we have passed, being come  
 into communion with the Spirits of just men, who are the Fa-  
 mily of God, written in Heaven, and called by one name  
 both in Heaven and Earth, and the God of Life is their por-  
 tion, and his glory is the Reward of his called, & chosen, and  
 faithful ones, who have deale their Bread to the hungry, and  
 brought the poor to their House, even to the habitation of the  
 righteous, where the living Bread is received, and the Heavenly  
 Mansions lived in, and enjoyed by all who abide in the Truth,  
 and retain their first Love, and habitation therein, in which  
 true fellowship is enjoyed, and the prosperity of the elect Seed  
 known: blessed be the Name of our God for ever and ever.

London the 12th day of the  
 first month, 1663.

George Whitehead.

## A Testimony of truth concerning the Ser- vant of the Lord, and Minister of Je- sus Christ, Edward Burroughs.

**F**Riends, a necessity is upon me, and I am even constrained and pressed in my spirit to bring in and give my Testimony concerning my beloved Brother before-mentioned, that it may remain and stand upon Record for Ages and Generations to come.

And this first I say & declare unto all people unto whom this shall come, That he was a man endued with the Almighty Power of God which lived and reigned in him; and the treasury of pure, Divine, Heavenly Wisdom was opened in him, &c. and understanding (in the things that relate unto God's Kingdom of peace & righteousness, and in the things that concern the everlasting peace and well-being of all mankind) was plentifully manifested unto him by the good Spirit of God, which (I may say) he had received in a plentiful measure: And this many can testify unto, and his own Writings which remain upon record will in a large measure manifest the truth thereof. And this spirit dwelt plentifully in him, so that thereby he was able to instruct many in the way of life, peace and true holiness; and if any were afflicted in spirit or mind, by reason of the wiles of the Enemy of their souls, or if they met with any difficulty in their journey, as they passed from death to life, he was a man able (through the large experience that he had of the dealings of the Lord, and also of the wiles of Satan, having followed the Lamb in the regeneration) to administer a word in season to their refreshment and comfort, and for their establishment in the most precious, holy Faith; and this I know the Wiseness of God in thousands must and shall testify unto, who are the seal of his Ministry. And moreover he was a man that was able (through the wisdom and blessed gift of God that was in him) to convince and stop the mouths of all gainsayers of the truth, which he (with us) professed & lived in

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in, And it is well known unto many, that he was never backwards, but always ready and willing to appear in a way of public conference, as in vindication of (and against any that should oppose) the blessed Truth of God which he held and professed, and also to manifest the grounds and reasons wherefore we deny (and dissent from) the National Priesthood of the World, (and their traditional ways of Worship) and the hypocritical professors thereof, who have not the life and substance of what they profess in words. And these things (it is well known unto many) he was oft exercised in; and he did not go about in corners, nor creep into dark places hiddenly nor secretly, but preached the Truth of God, and Doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ boldly and openly, even upon the house tops, and his valour for God's Truth on Earth, was well known unto many, and his voice was the sound or rattling of the Chariots of God's Host upon the tops of the Mountains, and was oft uttered forth in the Name of the Lord, even like thunder, and the voice of the Son of God was uttered forth through him, by which the dead was raised; the Witnesses are now alive, let them bring in their testimony, that the truth hereof may be confirmed. His Doctrine dropped as the Oyle of joy upon the Spirits of the mourners in Sion. His Life extended it self as a sweet stream into the hearts of the children of Light that thirsted after righteousness: He was one of the Cloud of Witnesses that dropped down the dew upon the tender plants of God. He pleaded the cause of the innocent suffering Seed, and earnestly contended with the Powers of the Earth of all sorts, in the behalf, and for the freedom of the suffering people of God: He fore-prophefied unto them that were in Authority in the days past, of their destruction, and of their overthrow, because of their deceitfulness to God, and their false and cruel, treacherous and merciless dealings towards his people, who had made many fair promises both to God and man in the time of their adversity, That they would grant free liberty of Conscience in things relating to the Worship of God, and that Oppression should be removed, and the like; but in the time of their prosperity, when they were waxen fat, and grown great, and lived at ease and in pleasures, then they forgot God, and regarded not to perform their Engagements neither to God,  
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nor his people, for which cause the Lord cut them off in his  
fore displeasure, and brought an utter desolation upon them;  
according to the words of his Servants; and this Prophet of  
God lived to see their desolation come, (which was sad robe-  
hold) and his Prophecies was fulfilled in his own days. And he  
also warned the present Rulers of this Nation to take heed of  
walking in the steps of them that are gone before. And for  
these things, and for the publishing of the Truth of God, and  
for bearing his Testimony with boldness against all Oppressi-  
on and Cruelty, he was hated of the men of this generation,  
but chiefly by some of the Rulers of the City of *London*: He  
sealed his Testimony with his life in bonds; and so they have  
wilfully brought innocent blood upon themselves, and heavy  
will it lye upon them in the day of account (which greatly ha-  
stens) wherein the Lord God wil make inquisition for the blood  
of the innocent, and reward every man according to his deeds;  
then will his blood be upon you as the blood of a thousand  
men; and how wil you bear your sentence from the Lord of  
Hosts, because you vwill be found guilty of the blood of his  
Prophets, Messengers and Servants, which he sent unto you in  
love to your souls, to forewarn you of the evil which greatly  
hastens to come upon you: Yet notwithstanding you have  
done all these things, and the cry of innocent blood hath been  
heard so loud amongst you, yet have you harden'd your hearts,  
and go on in stiff-neckedness, and persist in your cruelty to-  
wards the servants of the Lord that are left behind, and are  
found casting them into prison: Oh wo is me for you! where  
will a place be found for you in the day of the Lord? or what  
covering will you hide your selves under? Or how wil you ap-  
pear before the righteous God of Heaven and Earth? have you  
no consideration in you of your latter end? Or else do you  
believe that the Lord sees not your cruelty towards his people,  
that you will not answer his requirings, which is to do justly,  
and love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord, and to do  
unto all men as you would they should do unto you? surely if  
the consideration of these things was in your hearts, or if you  
had any regard to keep pour consciences clear in the sight of  
God herein, you could never do as you have done: wherefore con-  
sider these things, and lay them to heart, and repent speedily,  
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let you sin your day away, and place of improvement there can not be found: For this I tell you plainly, that it is in vain for you to strive against the Lord, or to seek to stop or to hinder his work which he hath begun; for he will be too strong for you, and he will make you bow and bend to his own Name and Power, whether you will or no. And though he bear with you long, and suffer you long, yet his long-suffering will come to an end; and though you should be permitted to fulfill your envious wills and lustful desires so far as to banish, or kill, or destroy us from off the earth, yea, all of us who are now in being, (which I do not believe ever shall be) yet would God raise up another people by the same power and spirit in and by which we stand, which should be a terror unto you, and should possess God's everlasting Kingdom (which is not of this World) over your heads.

And in the time of his outward weakness he was heard to say, That though this body of Clay must return to the dust, yet I have this Testimony, that I have served God in my generation, and that spirit which hath lived, and acted, and ruled in me, shall yet break forth in thousands; and my faith is, That it shall be indeed even so: for we have found him a true Prophet amongst us, and to the Nations. And this also near his departure he was heard to desire of the Lord, That if it were possible, to forgive Brown, &c. And so let all Friends be encouraged to wait upon the Lord in the feeling of the same Spirit that was in him, (which we know is the Saints Comforter) that thereby you may be carried through all tribulations and persecutions with cheerfulness, that in the end you may all receive the Crown of everlasting righteousness with him and the rest of the Saints of the most high God, and holy Prophets and Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; And so the Lord God Almighty of Heaven and Earth be with you all, and keep you all in faithfulness unto the end. Amen.



**M**y Brother dear the Lord hath call'd away,  
 That in this World he should no longer stay:  
 Who was to many an Instrument of good,  
 While in the body (in God's great Power) he stood,  
 For many were from darkness by him turned  
 Unto the Light, in which they were redeemed  
 By the Power and Doctrine which to them was Preached  
 By him, through which God's true Witness was reached  
 In their dark hearts, where Satan long had reigned,  
 Over whom (through Gods great power) Victory's gained.  
 He was a valiant Souldier of the Lamb,  
 And faithful to the Lord did always stand,  
 Till vwith his Life he seal'd his Testimony,  
 (A London-Prisoner) as it's known to many.

But now in peace vwith God he is sate down,  
 And hath vwith Christ an everlasting Crovvn  
 Of Immortality, Life and lasting joy,  
 Which never shall from him be took away.

He vvas intrusted vwith the hidden treasure  
 In a large, and in an abundant measure,  
 Which he dispensed to the Lambs of God;  
 But to the vicked he vvas a Scourge and Rod.

He fed the Babes and Children vwith the Word;  
 Which to the Wicked vvas a piercing sword:  
 Before him still God's Enemies did fall;  
 He never turn'd his back to them at all.

But now he hath thus finished his course  
 With joy and peace, yet's Life vve do not lose:  
 For oh dear Brother, thy Life I still do feel  
 Remaining vwith me, else I could not vvel  
 Remain behind thee vwith true satisfaction,  
 Because 'twould turn upon me with reflection.



For truly can I say, My heart is fill'd  
With sorrow great, and grief is not expell'd  
For oh! the sence of my dear Brother's Love  
Remains upon me, and shall never move.

But herein is my soul greatly refreshed,  
That thy good Saviour and thy Name is blessed,  
And shall remain in ages yet to come,  
When visibles standing now, is past and gone.

But oh my brother dear! my soul did love  
Thy Life, which nothing was, nor is above,  
For all things it transcended, as to me;  
In my esteem there's nothing lik'e can be;  
Because it stood in that Eternity  
Which always will remain, and never dye  
And Ages yet to come shall tast thereof,  
And call thee blest, in whom it was brought forth.

He was a man in whom Gods power reigned,  
Through Faith, in which he a great Victory gained  
Over Death and Hell, the Grave and Power of sin,  
And all things that were centered therein.

He was a man in whom the fulness dwelt  
Of Grace and Virtue, was by many felt  
To live in him, and speak in Gods great power,  
And he descended as a sweet plenteous shower,  
Which did refresh the Garden of the Lord,  
The plants that met together with one accord  
On God to wait refreshment to receive,  
And afterward in love to take their leave.

He was a man that was upright in heart  
Towards God and man, and hated all deceit;  
And what he was to God, there's few doth know,  
Neither can my Tongue or Pen declare or show;  
But this I say, He was a man of God,  
And in the Light of Righteousness he stood.

What might I say of this my precious Friend I  
My Soul lov'd him tenderly to the end,

And still his Life is felt among the Lambs  
Who in the Light and Power of God doth stand :  
Here he is read, here he is felt and known  
Amongst the faithful, who with him are one.  
His favour's good, my Life's therewith refresh;  
His Name is now, and ever shall be blest.

And now my brethren dear, and sisters all,  
In this be you refresh'd both great and small,  
Although our brother outwardly be gone,  
Yet hath not God the Lord left us alone ;  
For his Almighty Power is with us still,  
Which in the Light of Life you all may feel  
To your refreshment and eternal joy,  
Which no man in this World can take away.  
Here is our peace, herein our joy lasts still,  
In which my Love is to you all, Farewel.

*And this is my Testimony for that man of God who hath been a blessing to the Lord in his generation, and also to this Nation: And in this I have eased my Spirit, and am clear in my Conscience in the sight of God, having done that which was my duty to do* Josiah Coale.

### A Testimony of G. F. concerning E. B.

**H**is Name is Chronicled in the Book of Life; a righteous plant, pure, chaste, clean: Who can tax him for oppressing them, or burdening them, or being chargeable to them? who through the sufferings hath finished his course and testimony, who is now crowned with the Crown of Life, and reigns with the Lord Christ for ever and ever. And in his Ministry in his life-time, he went through sufferings by bad spirits, who never turned his back on the Truth, nor his back from any out of the Truth? a valiant Warrior, more than a Conqueror, who hath got the Crown through death and sufferings, who is dead, but yet liveth amongst us, and amongst us is alive.

G. F.

The End.